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Identical letters dated 4 December 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Lebanon to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I transmit to you herewith the response of the Ministry of National Defence to the identical letters dated 5 September 2018 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (S/2018/822). The following table contains the Ministry's responses to allegations contained in those letters in the light of investigations conducted by the Lebanese Army Command.

Complaint according to Israeli enemy allegation	*Number of incidents*	*Result of investigation by the Lebanese Army*		*Remarks*
Armed soldiers observed	19	In 17 cases, the Lebanese Army was not informed and the incident was not mentioned in the UNIFIL daily report	In 2 cases, no violations were confirmed pursuant to a Lebanese Army investigation	The arms in question were hunting rifles, as was made clear in UNIFIL reports
Reconnaissance by Hizbullah soldiers	65	In all 65 cases, the Lebanese Army was not informed and the incident was not mentioned in the UNIFIL daily report		
Crossing of the Blue Line	49	In 24 cases the Lebanese Army was not informed and the incident was not mentioned in the UNIFIL daily report	In 25 cases the Lebanese Army was informed by UNIFIL, but Lebanese Army investigations could not confirm	

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Throwing of stones in the direction of occupied territory	1	The Lebanese Army was not informed and the incident was not mentioned in the UNIFIL daily report	

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 38, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Amal **Mudallali**
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Permanent Representative